where R_1 is hydrogen, tert-butyl; X_1 is selected the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, tert-bulty and C_1 to C_{12} alkoxy; R_2 is C_2 to C_8 linear or branched alkyl, said process comprising reacting a bromo-functionalized benzotriazole UV absorber of formula 4.

$$R_1$$
 N
 N
 N
 CH_2 -Br

Formula 4

wherein R₁ is hydrogen, tert-butyl; X₁ is selected the group consisting of hyrdrogen, halogen, tert-butyl and C₁ to C₁₂ alkoxy, with diethanol diamine in an organic solvent under reflux at a temperature in the range of 70 to 90 °C for a time period ranging from 5-8 hrs, removing the solvent recrystallizing the resultant compound to obtain the desired pure compound.